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THIS CLIPPING FROM
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LOCAL MAN AIDED KARPIS

Believe Suspect Planned
\$46,000 Garrettsville
Mail Holdup

Federal authorities are seeking a Youngstown man as the planner of the Karpis gang's \$46,000 Garrettsville mail train robbery, it was learned today.

This man, whose identity has not been revealed, is sought on a "John Doe" warrant issued by Assistant United States District Attorney Frank Weideman at Cleveland. The man is believed to be with Harry Campbell, Karpis' first lieutenant.

Meanwhile Federal authorities released three persons held in Warren for questioning on the activities of the Karpis gang. They were Albert and George Hunter, brother and father respectively, of Fred Hunter, captured with Alvin Karpis Friday night in New Orleans, and Mary Yoho. Police indicated no charge would be filed against the three.

Relentless questioning by grim Department of Justice officials in St. Paul, Minn., left Karpis pale and shaking today and facing arraignment on a charge of kidnaping William Hamm Jr.

J. Edgar Hoover, justice department chief, said in New York that Karpis will be tried first for his part in the \$100,000 Hamm abduction. The maximum penalty is life imprisonment. Later, he may be turned over to Missouri authorities who would like to convict him and sentence him to death for the murder of Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains.

Karpis has been indicted in the Hamm and Kelly cases and in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

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ALVIN KARPIS DUE TO MAKE GUILTY PLEA

Will Be Arraigned
Tomorrow in Hamm
Kidnaping Case

ST. PAUL, May 4. (I.N.S.)—A cowed and cringing Alvin Karpis is expected to plead guilty tomorrow when arraigned on charges of conspiracy in the \$100,000 ransom kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer.

All his swagger and bravado gone, Karpis was locked up in the Ramsey County jail today after a severe 48 hour grilling by Federal agents.

The thoroughly tamed badman talked freely, it was learned, concerning the bank robberies, mail robberies, kidnapings and murders with which he is charged.

As a result, it was learned, a sensational roundup of followers of the Karpis-Barker gang is in the offing and it will include prominent politicians and police executives.

Karpis was particularly questioned, it was learned concerning "leaks" during the investigation of the Hamm abduction and the \$200,000 ransom kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. Federal men were constantly balked in their investigations, it was learned, because of information as to their movements related to the kidnapers.

One official said Karpis, who dropped his bravado with alacrity when he looked down the muzzles of Federal men's shotguns in New Orleans Saturday, told his captors he was "glad it was over," that he was "tired" of being constantly hunted.

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HOOVER HITS LACK OF AID FOR G-MEN

"Rotten" Co-operation Held
Rule in Some Places
in Middle West.

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, May 4.—J. Edgar Hoover, here after delivering Alvin Karpis to St. Paul authorities for prosecution on kidnaping charges, said today that co-operation with his men in some Middle West communities is "rotten."

"Corruption or inefficiency among police authorities is the cause of notorious lack of co-operation with the department in many communities," declared the director of the Justice Department's Bureau of Investigation.

"It is rotten in some places. I won't name them. But they are in the Middle West. Nationally—in general—co-operation is excellent. We will co-operate with officials anywhere there is not a lot of politics, crookedness or the officials are publicity crazy."

Planned Raid.

Hoover disclosed that he was preparing to lead personally an armed assault on the front entrance of the gangster's New Orleans apartment when the desperado appeared Friday night with two companions and was captured.

Hoover said other groups of agents had been posted to guard three other exits to the building. The Hoover party was driving a half block past the structure preparatory to returning on foot for the frontal attack, to be prefaced by a surrender demand and gas bombs.

"We'd have killed him if he'd tried to shoot it out, but he didn't get a chance," Hoover said.

Hoover expressed regret that word of Karpis' personal threat against his life had ever gone out of the department, because "all enforcement officials get threats and pay no attention to them."

He declined to say whether he intended his raid leadership as a reply to the desperado's boastings.

Hoover said the raid in New Orleans, conducted in a district of heavy late afternoon traffic, would certainly have resulted in deaths had agents been forced to storm the dwelling as they expected. But they dared not wait because Karpis "was quick on the move," he said.

"Big, Bad, Bold Boy."

He pictured the 26-year-old gunman, to whom were attributed some dozen bank robberies, one to four murders, three mail robberies and three kidnapings, as "a big, bad, bold boy" from whom any vestige of courage fled when he saw his captors.

"On the way downtown in the car," Hoover said, "they invited us to kill them because they thought they'd be killed anyway. But, of course, they hadn't drawn guns."

Hoover explained he never gave an order in any case to "shoot to kill" and that agents did not shoot unless a fugitive started the fracas. He was asked about reports John Dillinger, who was slain in attempted capture in Chicago, was "executed."

"That was a lie," Hoover said.

"Karpis' fear when he was taken after boasting throughout the underworld that agents could never take him alive, 'made his knees knock together as we frisked him,' the director said.

"He's a crude, vicious and cunning killer, with rather a pleasant personality. He'd been a lone wolf since last Fall. He thought that by keeping away from his gang he could avoid us."

Hoover said that Karpis had no inkling the Federal officers were close on his trail. Karpis said he had planned to go fishing that day, Hoover continued, and reproached his girl companion for not having avoided the trouble by obeying orders he had given her to go "back home."

Hoover said that the girl, sometimes called "Connie," of Hot Springs and other Arkansas cities, probably could not be held unless it was shown she had aided or harbored Hunter, with whom she lived, or Karpis.

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'Public Enemy No. 1. May Be Arraigned Today in Hamm Case.

By the Associated Press.

St. Paul, Minn., May 3.—A secret interrogation of Alvin Karpis, "Public Enemy No. 1," was continued today by Federal agents determined to draw from the gangster's own lips a list of those who aided his two-year flight from the law.

A heavy guard barred the Federal court building doors behind which Karpis was hustled after being flown here from New Orleans to answer kidnaping charges.

The department's determination to make a decisive mop-up of the Karpis-Barker mob's camp followers was announced by J. Edgar Hoover, investigation bureau chief. Before leaving for New York he predicted arrest of some Karpis friends.

How soon the captured public enemy would be turned over to the United States marshal for arraignment was still undetermined, although Hoover had said arraignment on the William Hamm, jr., kidnaping case might be tomorrow.

Karpis was questioned in the Department of Justice office, where other members of his notorious gang previously had faced their captors, some to talk and others to be shunted along to Alcatraz prison for life.

Of more than two score persons originally indicted in connection with the kidnapings of Hamm and Edward G. Bremer, members of two of the wealthiest families in the Northwest, only one man remains free—Harry Campbell, lame outlaw last seen with Karpis in Atlantic City.

In addition to the kidnapings, which he is alleged to have engineered, the Federal agents questioned Karpis on more than a dozen spectacular bank robberies, several daring mail robberies, and a number of killings.

Missouri officials attempted to have the mobster taken to West Plains, Mo., to stand trial for the killing of Sheriff C. R. Kelley on December 19, 1931. They pointed out that Karpis could be executed on this first-degree murder charge, but would escape with a life term at most for either the Bremer or Hamm kidnapings.

Hamm Kidnaping Trial to Be First

New York, May 3 (AP).—Alvin Karpis will be tried first in St. Paul on a Federal charge of kidnaping William Hamm, jr., after which he will be surrendered to Missouri if that State wants to try him for murder, J. Edgar Hoover said tonight.

The chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation revealed that the terrified Karpis had expected to be killed when he was captured by Federal men in New Orleans.

"He admitted he never expected to be taken alive," Hoover said. "When he was taken he was the most frightened man I have ever seen. His knees were literally knocking together and he thought that even then we were going to kill him."

"On the way down to our New Orleans headquarters from the apartment, he asked: 'When are you going to let us have it?'"

"Even after we got to the office, and later in the plane, he was still afraid we were going to bump him off."

Hoover said Karpis was a "cool, cunning, vicious killer, with strangely enough, a rather pleasing personality."

Woman Friend

'Talked,' Is Report

New Orleans, May 3 (AP).—Prodded by Federal agents, the attractive red-haired woman friend of Alvin Karpis was believed to have "talked" today.

But there was no word coming from the inquisitors as to what they obtained from the woman of mystery captured here Friday night with the long-sought criminal.

The slim, modishly dressed woman identified herself only as "Ruth" when she and Fred Hunter, alleged Ohio mail robber, were corraled with Karpis.

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The chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation revealed that the terrified Karpis had expected to be killed when he was captured by Federal men in New Orleans.

"He admitted he never expected to be taken alive," Hoover said. "When he was taken he was the most frightened man I have ever seen. His knees were literally knocking together and he thought that even then we were going to kill him."

"On the way down to our New Orleans headquarters from the apartment, he asked: 'When are you going to let us have it?'"

"Even after we got to the office, and later in the plane, he was still afraid we were going to bump him off."

Hoover said Karpis was a "cool, cunning, vicious killer, with strangely enough, a rather pleasing personality."

Woman Friend 'Talked,' Is Report

New Orleans, May 3 (AP).—Prodded by Federal agents, the attractive red-haired woman friend of Alvin Karpis was believed to have "talked" today.

But there was no word coming from the inquisitors as to what they obtained from the woman of mystery captured here Friday night with the long-sought criminal.

The slim, modishly dressed woman identified herself only as "Ruth" when she and Fred Hunter, alleged Ohio mail robber, were corraled with Karpis.

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OTHER PUBLIC ENEMIES

KILLER KARPIS, Public Enemy No. 1, having been taken alive without a shot, William Mahan, the Weyerhauser kidnaper, assumes the uneasy crown of his successor.

The Karpis capture sheds new luster on the Justice Department's capable agents, known as the G-Men. One after another the big shots of America's gangdom have crumpled under their unrelenting drive. Seldom has this country seen such efficiency as J. Edgar Hoover's Federal policemen are displaying. All will join in wishing more power to their good right arms.

This sensational record for crime detection only emphasizes more glaringly the weaknesses in our law-enforcement system that make much of their work futile. We refer particularly to our medieval reformatories and prisons where young men are schooled in crime, to the misuse of the "unwalled prisons" of probation and parole, to the social sink-holes where the seeds of lawlessness spawn.

Karpis was an alumnus of both a high school and college of crime. At 16 he was sentenced to 10 years in a reformatory for stealing auto tires. There he is said to have learned safe-cracking and the other arts of his craft. In Kansas State Penitentiary he was tutored by one of the criminal sons of "Ma" Kate Barker, specialist in robbery, kidnaping and murder.

It was after he was paroled, however, that he made his reputation. Facing a four-year sentence in 1931 for burglary, he was paroled by a kindly, but misguided Oklahoma judge. A month later he had committed a murder and was well along on his career as bank robber, kidnaper and killer.

Karpis, it happened, was not a child of the American city slums, but most of his fraternity are—and with them he fraternized.

No program of crime suppression will succeed that does not deal with the things that go with extreme poverty—malnourishment, illiteracy, child neglect, the hovels and tenements that millions of families must call homes. It is an amazing paradox that the Federal arm may reach unhindered into states and cities, there to detect and capture criminals, but when this same Federal arm seeks to improve those social conditions in states and cities that grow the seeds of crime it is estopped by the courts as an unconstitutional invasion of states' rights.

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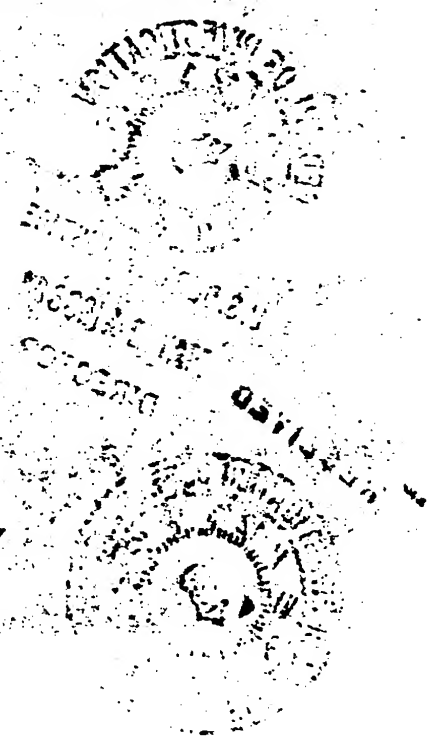
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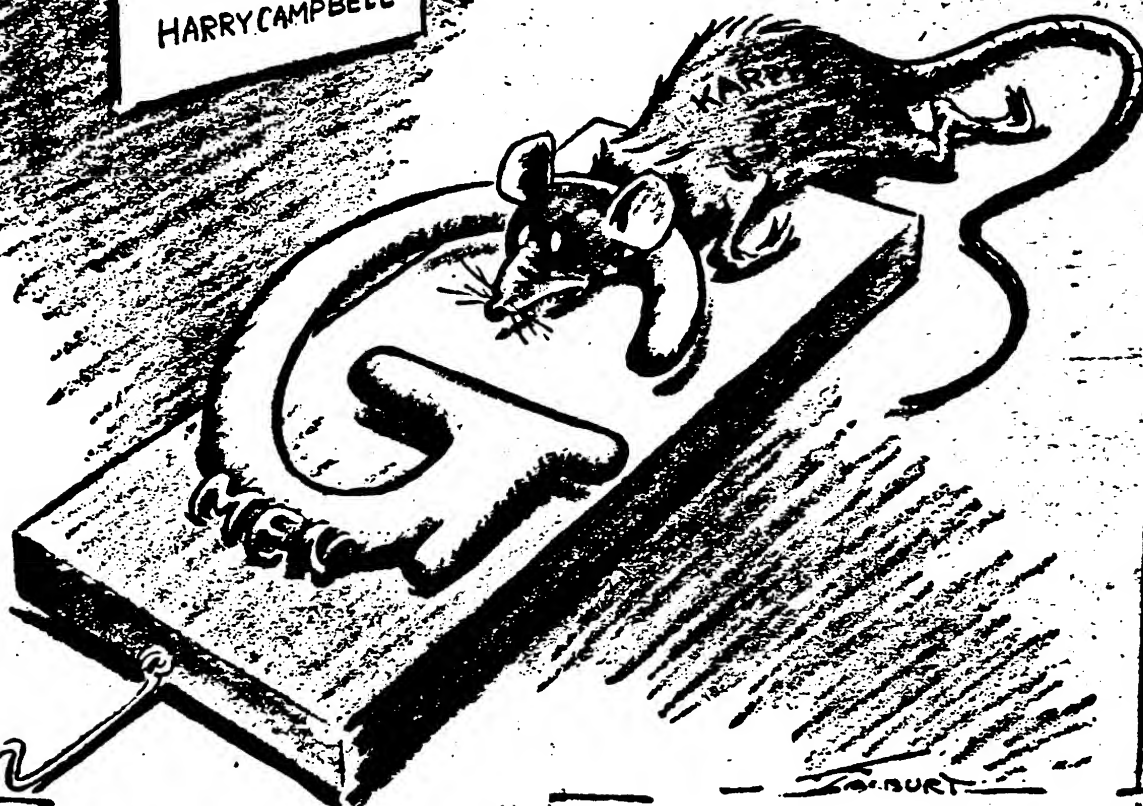


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As a roaring lion, and a ranging bear;
so is a wicked ruler over the poor people.
—Proverbs 28:15.

EXPERT MAN-HUNTERS

THE long, crooked trail has practically ended for ALVIN KARPIS. Gratification over the capture of one of the last and worst of the gangsters who were so dangerously active and so plentiful a few years ago, must be mingled with approval for the federal agents. The gangster and his associates, knowing of other captures and slayings and knowing how determined the officers were to make the capture of the biggest rat still moving around, were very careful. Under all the circumstances, it is remarkable that the federal agents were able to move across the country on a call from New Orleans and to accomplish the job without bloodshed. It is remarkable there was not a "leak" somewhere.

Three years ago the criminal tide was running high. There seemed to be little prospect of subduing the kidnapers, murderers and bank robbers, all of whom had many protectors and many advantages. The formidable protection of gangsters has been effectually broken down. Kidnaping has been made so hazardous that it is rarely attempted now. Crime of the smaller sorts may be on the increase, but the major crimes, wherever and whenever they come within the purview of the G-men, are usually solved. It is not, of course, done by superhuman cunning or by luck or magic; it is done through the use of common sense, enormous industry and the use of scientific methods. It costs a great deal of money, but the country is highly pleased; it is spending which brings results. Had this country remained the criminals' bonanza it appeared to be in 1933, it would probably have reached anarchy by this time. The modern man-hunters of the better type are doing admirable work for all of us. The capture of Karpis was a particularly fine and important piece of work.

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Alvin Karpis Questioned About Toledo Activities

Associate Testified He Visited Here After Bremer
Kidnaping; Government to Rush
Arraignment.

ST. PAUL, May 4—Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, captured Friday night in New Orleans by G-men without firing a shot, was being questioned today regarding his activities in Toledo.

At the trial of several of Karpis' associates last year, one of the defendants, James J. Wilson, testified to contacting Ted Angus, proprietor of the Casino club when he fled here after the Bremer kidnaping and asking him the whereabouts of Fred Barker, one of the gang's leaders who later was killed by G-men in a battle in Florida.

County authorities at Minneapolis moved to seek Karpis' indictment there for bank robbery and murder as government agencies planned an early arraignment on kidnaping charges.

George F. Sullivan, U. S. district attorney, said Karpis would be arraigned on four kidnaping and conspiracy counts in the abduction of two St. Paul business leaders, William Hamm, Jr., brewer, and Edward G. Bremer, banker. The time has not been set, he said, but it would be soon. The maximum penalty for kidnaping is life imprisonment.

Quiz Continues

Protracted questioning of Karpis continued today as federal agents attempted to learn additional details of the kidnaping plots and the names of other accomplices—particularly the money changers who handled the \$100,000 Hamm ransom.

While Karpis was held in the federal building, Ed J. Goff, Hennepin (Minneapolis) county attorney, announced he was taking steps to have the outlaw indicted for murder and bank robbery in that city. Goff asserted the charges were based on Karpis' participation in

the robbery of the Third Northwestern National bank in Minneapolis in 1932, when two policemen and a motorist were slain by the robbers. Goff said witnesses to the robbery would view Karpis, and if they identify him, the case would be presented to the grand jury.

Federal agents surrounded their questioning of Karpis with greatest secrecy and would not disclose whether he had made any statements.

In New York, J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation, said that if Karpis is found guilty of kidnaping here, he may also be tried for the slaying of Sheriff C. R. Kelley of West Plains, Mo., in 1931. Missouri authorities said they wanted Karpis to face the death penalty in a murder trial there.

HOOVER FLAYS COOPERATION LACK

NEW YORK, May 4 (AP)—J. Edgar Hoover, here after delivering Alvin Karpis to St. Paul authorities for prosecution on kidnaping charges, said today that cooperation with his men in some middle west communities is "rotten."

"Corruption or inefficiency among police authorities is the cause of notorious lack of cooperation with the department in many communities," declared the director of the justice department's bureau of investigation.

"It is rotten in some places. I won't name them. But they are in the middle west. Nationally—in general—cooperation is excellent. We will cooperate with officials anywhere there is not a lot of politics, crookedness or the officials are publicity crazy."

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G-MEN SCORE AGAIN

Successor to the United States marine corps during the World war as "tops" in gaining free and favorable publicity is the federal bureau of investigation, also known as D. J.'s and G-men. Just as the marines were a little boastful, the bureau's Hoover is no shrinking violet when it comes to singing the praises of the No. 1 crime fighters. Both organizations, however, have been spectacularly successful in living up to their reputations.

Close on the heels of Director Hoover's successful fight for the restoration of \$225,000 in the appropriation bill for the bureau of investigation came the perfunctory, overly-modest announcement of the capture of Alvin Karpis, successor to the late John Dillinger and "Baby Face" Nelson as a public enemy.

No great industry becomes a success with its president working at a machine. No merchant prince ever became the head of a large mercantile firm by standing back of the counter. Unfair and unkind was the Senate's McKellar when he twitted Hoover about never leading any raid's on the country's bad men. The present efficiency of the organization which has reduced, if not entirely wiped out, organized kidnaping and decimated the ranks of bank robbers and gangsters would have been impossible if Hoover had functioned as an operative, rather than as a director.

The trite truism that nothing succeeds like success is outstandingly applicable to the G-men. Forceful example of one government agency which merits continued existence, liberal federal support is the bureau of investigation under the directorship of J. Edgar Hoover

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HIS APARTMENT HOUSE NEIGHBORS in New Orleans knew him as a mild, pleasant man, interested in fishing.

But a score of G-men from as many angles drew beads on this mildest mannered man that ever slit a throat or scuttled a ship—and Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, found himself in the toils of the law. It was the undramatic end of a major crime career.

It was a job well done. It was a better job than that which marked the end of Dillinger. Karpis was taken alive. Not a shot was fired. In the eyes of gangsterdom Karpis is no hero. If he dies at the hand of the law he will die the ignominious death of a criminal.

Karpis, "Old Creepy" to the underworld, was captured after a three-year hunt. He is the last of the Karpis-Barker gang of bank robbers, kidnapers and murderers. His capture followed the relentless course of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which since June, 1932, has broken up fifty-two major kidnaping gangs and convicted 136 of the snatchers.

No State or local police organization could possibly do this job. The big-time criminals operate on an interstate basis. Only a centralized organization unhampered by jurisdictional lines and backed with the resources of the Federal Government could do what J. Edgar Hoover's men have done. And they are keeping everlastingly at it.

The record affords full justification for the Cummings laws giving the Federal Government police power in major interstate crimes, including bank robberies and kidnaping.

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May Be Tried for Murder.
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CAPTURE, G-CHIEF SAY

Alvin Karpis will face four charges in Federal District court here when he is arraigned some time this week. George F. Sullivan, United States District attorney, said Sunday night.

At the same time J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, declared in New York that Karpis might also be tried for murder in Missouri even though he were found guilty of the kidnaping charges here.

The St. Paul charges, two of which will allege that the desperado engineered the kidnapings of William Hamm Jr. and Edward G. Bremer, and the other two of which charge conspiracy in the two cases, will be pressed against Karpis when he is arraigned on indictments recently returned against him by a Federal grand jury, Sullivan said.

The arraignment will take place some time this week, after Sullivan has conferred with the Federal Bureau of Investigation officials, Sullivan said.

Meanwhile Hoover, No. 1 G-man, who directed the raid in which Karpis and two companions were captured after the gunman threatened to kill him, revealed that Karpis asked to be shot shortly following his capture in New Orleans Friday night, and again in Orleans Friday night, he was being

Hoover's statement contained in additional details concerning the arrest of the gang leader.

In St. Paul, Karpis completed the hours of intensive grilling at hands of more than 30 members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Federal courts building continued to be his prison, and he was under heavy guard at all times, although the agents of the Federal bureau refused to discuss his questioning or the case in general.

The government men surrounded their prisoner with the greatest secrecy, and would not reveal whether or not he had confessed, or how he was standing up under the grilling.

"I haven't heard him complain any, he must like it all right," was

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all one agent would say when asked if the gunman was eating and sleeping well during his stay in the building which is not regularly equipped with living quarters for either the guards or prisoner.

Hoover, in New York statement Sunday night, characterized Karpis as having a likeable personality, although he called him a "crude, vicious and cunning killer."

"He is a big, bad bold boy from whom every vestige of courage fled when he saw his captors," the G-man chief said, and described the pleas of the prisoners to be shot after they were captured.

"On the way downtown (in New Orleans) they invited us to kill them, because they thought they would be killed anyway, but of course they hadn't drawn their guns."

Fred Hunter, wanted in the \$34,000 Garrettsville, Ohio, mail robbery last fall, and a girl companion were captured with Karpis.

NO 'SHOOT TO KILL'

Hoover explained he never gave an order in any case to shoot to kill, according to Associated Press dispatches, and that his agents did not shoot unless a fugitive started the fracas.

Hoover said Karpis had no inkling Federal agents were close on his trail, and that he had planned to go fishing the day after his arrest. The desperado reproached his girl companion for not avoiding the trouble by obeying orders he had given her to go back home.

The girl was described by the G-man chief as being Ruth Robinson of Hot Springs, and other Arkansas cities, and said she sometimes used the name of "Connie". He said she probably would not be held unless it was shown she had aided or harbored Fred Hunter with whom she lived, or Karpis.

Reports in New Orleans indicated that Ruth had "talked" to the Federal men Sunday, according to Associated Press dispatches from that city.

The slim, modishly dressed woman was questioned by Federal agents there for two days and two nights, according to the stories. Following the grilling, the droning voice of an agent, punctuated by short remarks from the woman, could be heard by reporters in the hall.

This was taken to mean that the woman had dictated a statement to the Federal officers, and that it was being read back to her for corrections.

Trying Karpis in Missouri for the murder of Sheriff Roy C. Kelly in December, 1931, would open the way to give the death penalty even though he were convicted of the kidnaping charges in Federal court.

Capital punishment is the penalty for murder in Missouri, and in case he was convicted here, he could be pardoned on the Federal charges by the President, and turned over to the state for punishment.

FORMER WIFE BITTER

A woman who married Karpis in 1931 when she was 17, and divorced him after he left her four years ago, observed bitterly in her Tulsa, Okla., home Sunday that "He made his bed and he'll have to sleep in it."

The girl, Dorothy Slayman, said she met the desperado shortly after he was released from a reformatory sentence, and that he left her saying he had a good job. Sheriff Kelly was killed shortly after and she has not seen Karpis since.

In describing the record of the prisoner, Hoover said he was wanted for between twelve and fifteen bank robberies, three mail robberies and three murders in addition to three kidnapings.

Hennepin county authorities Sunday night said they would take steps to indict Karpis on murder and bank robbery charges in connection with the holdup of the Third Northwestern National bank in 1932.

He has been identified as a member of the gang that engineered the robbery which resulted in the slaying of two Minneapolis policemen and a St. Paul man.

HOOVER CITES HOOKING OF FISHERMAN KARPIS.

Chicago, May 3.—(P)—Alvin Karpis, public enemy who liked to fish, was a prisoner in St. Paul tonight because he joined the wrong fishing party.

The story, as told by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of Federal agents who caught Karpis in New Orleans:

Angling was a lifelong hobby of Dillinger's successor as "Public Enemy No. 1."

For months he had fished along the Gulf coast, from Florida to Louisiana, living on his share of the ransom money from the Hamm and Bremer kidnapings and loot from other crimes.

When funds ran low, he stopped fishing for a few days and robbed a bank at Garrettsville, Ohio.

Then he went back to his hook and line, confident he had covered his trail completely against pursuit.

The fish bit well, and he set up headquarters with his friend, Fred Hunter, and Hunter's girl friend, "Ruth," in an apartment in a busy part of New Orleans.

Friday he prepared his bait and tackle for another angling party, scheduled for Saturday.

But a different set of fishermen interfered—the Justice department's ichthyologists of crime.

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Federal Power Cleans Up Arrogant Criminal Gangs

HIS APARTMENT HOUSE NEIGHBORS in New Orleans knew him as a mild, pleasant man, interested in fishing.

But a score of G-men from as many angles drew beads on this mildest mannered man that ever slit a throat or scuttled a ship—and Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, found himself in the toils of the law. It was the undramatic end of a major crime career.

It was a job well done. It was a better job than that which marked the end of Dillinger. Karpis was taken alive. Not a shot was fired. In the eyes of gangsterdom Karpis is no hero. If he dies at the hand of the law he will die the ignominious death of a criminal.

Karpis, "Old Creepy" to the underworld, was captured after a three-year hunt. He is the last of the Karpis-Barker gang of bank robbers, kidnapers and murderers. His capture followed the relentless course of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which since June, 1932, has broken up fifty-two major kidnaping gangs and convicted 136 of the snatchers.

No State or local police organization could possibly do this job. The big-time criminals operate on an interstate basis. Only a centralized organization unhampered by jurisdictional lines and backed with the resources of the Federal Government could do what J. Edgar Hoover's men have done. And they are keeping everlastingly at it.

The record affords full justification for the Cummings laws giving the Federal Government police power in major interstate crimes, including bank robberies and kidnaping.

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A Life of Ease.

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So now at 26, assuming he is not executed for murder, he starts out to live the remainder of his life at hard work without reward, hope or comfort, a caged animal.

Thus ends the "life of ease" without work that began ten years ago. Does he ever reflect to himself whether he or the workaday people on whom he set out to prey has been the "sucker"? Does he ever wonder over his mistake?

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\$100,000 SOUGHT ON EACH OF FOUR INDICTMENTS HERE

Bail of \$400,000, believed to be the largest amount ever demanded in this country, will be asked by George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, in the case of Alvin Karpis when he is arraigned on charges of kidnaping Edward G. Bremer and William Hamm.

Stressing that Karpis is wanted for numerous killings and branding him as "one of the most desperate characters in the history of this nation," Sullivan said he would ask that \$100,000 be set for each of the four charges on which the gangster was indicted.

Karpis was indicted on two charges in the Hamm abduction and two in the Bremer kidnaping. Two are for conspiracy and the others accuse him of participation in the actual kidnaping.

Sullivan said he is prepared to arraign Karpis as soon as the Department of Justice agents complete questioning him concerning the two kidnapings and a number of holdups in which police officers were slain.

Clinton W. Stein, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation here, said decision had not been made as to the date Karpis will be arraigned. He refused to affirm or deny the report Karpis confessed he took part in the two major kidnapings and was willing to plead guilty.

The district attorney said he has an "air-tight" case against Karpis in either of the kidnapings, and, amplifying his reasons for seeking bail of such an exorbitant figure, pointed to the various killings and holdups for which Karpis is wanted.

Karpis, still held in the Department of Justice offices to which he was brought on his arrival by plane from New Orleans, Saturday, was grilled vigorously concerning the \$112,000 holdup of the Third Northwestern National bank, Minneapolis, December 16, 1932, when Patrolman Leo Gorski and Ira Evans were killed. Oscar Erickson of St. Paul was slain while the mob was making its getaway.

Asserting he was "not interested" in whether Karpis plans to plead guilty, Sullivan said he would move for trial of Karpis, John P. Peifer, Edmund C. Bartholmey and Charles Fitzgerald at the fall term of court, which convenes in November.

Meanwhile, Thomas Newman, St. Paul attorney, prepared to obtain release of Sam Tanaka, held as a material witness, for whose release Sullivan is demanding \$10,000 bail. Tanaka was a butler for Peifer at a night club he operated.

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KARPIS BREAKS SILENCE, FEDS' ACTIVITIES HINT

Phone Calls to Many Parts of
Country Result From Long
Grilling.

RELAYS OF G-MEN KEEP QUIZZING "ENEMY NO. 1"

Alvin Karpis is talking, activities at the St. Paul office of the G-men indicated today.

Relays of federal agents continued questioning Public Enemy No. 1, 48 hours after he was brought here by airplane from New Orleans.

The agents refused to say whether Karpis had any rest, but added "we haven't caught up on sleep."

As the ceaseless grilling went on, agents made a series of telephone calls to various parts of the country.

Teletype messages were sent out and received continuously on the system that connects federal bureau of investigation offices throughout the nation, and a machine that appeared to be a portable teletype set for field work was brought to the St. Paul office by an agent and an operator.

"ROTTEN CO-OPERATION."

Meanwhile, J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation, charged in New York that co-operation of municipal law enforcement authorities with his men in some Midwest cities is "rotten." He declined to name the cities.

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"Corruption or inefficiency among police authorities," he told the Associated Press, "is the cause of notorious lack of co-operation with the department in many communities."

"It is rotten in some places. I won't name them. But they are in the Midwest. Nationally—in general—co-operation is excellent. We will co-operate with officials anywhere there is not a lot of politics and crookedness or where the officials are publicity crazy."

Karpis was caught Friday by federal agents in New Orleans and brought here to face charges of kidnaping William Hamm, St. Paul brewer, and Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, for a total of \$300,000 ransom.

The erstwhile "bad man" is reported to have confessed and is said to be talking freely of his crimes and associates.

George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, asserted he has an air-tight case against Karpis and is not interested in whether he pleads guilty or confesses.

TO TRY HAMM CASE.

"It makes no material difference whether Karpis pleads guilty or not," Sullivan said. "We will have to try the Hamm case anyway in the fall and one more defendant more or less will not matter."

Others facing trial next autumn in the Hamm case are John P. Peifer, St. Paul night club proprietor; Edward Bartholmey, Bensenville, Ill., postmaster, who owned the house where Hamm allegedly was held; and Charles J. Fitzgerald of Los Angeles, alleged to be one

of the actual kidnapers. All are charged with conspiracy.

The capture of Karpis may bring freedom to Leonard Hankins, now serving a life term in Stillwater prison for complicity in the Tarry Northwestern National bank holdup in Minneapolis.

BELIEVED INNOCENT.

Melvin C. Passolt, superintendent of the Minnesota bureau of criminal apprehension, announced today he had submitted a report to the state pardon board expressed the belief that Hankins was innocent of that crime.

At the same time, Hennepin county authorities moved to have witnesses view Karpis or his photograph to see if he were connected with the crime.

SHOWUP DEFERRED.

According to information in Passolt's possession, the \$112,000 bank robbery, in which two Minneapolis patrolmen and a St. Paul salesman were killed, was engineered by Karpis, Verne Miller, Fred and Arthur Barker, Jess Doyle, Willie Weaver and Lawrence Devol.

Some of the gang are dead and some in prison. Devol, serving a life term in Stillwater, was reported today to have been transferred to the St. Peter state asylum under heavy guard as the result of having become "crazy."

Andrew Crummy, chief investigator for the Hennepin county attorney's office, attempted this morning to have the bank robbery witnesses view Karpis, but federal agents said they were not through questioning the desperado and deferred the show-up. Passolt said he intends to ask an interview with Karpis.

NEW PICTURES TAKEN.

New Bertillon pictures were taken of Karpis in a pause between questions. He was quizzed concerning the crimes of kidnaping, murder, robbery and jailbreak, of which he is accused.

One phase of the grilling dealt with his activities in Toledo, Ohio, where he reputedly established headquarters for a time after the Bremer ransom had been paid.

Bremer appeared at the federal building for a brief interview with Clinton W. Stein, chief of the St. Paul office of the federal bureau of investigation, but he declined to repeat the conversation.

Jokingly, he said, "I came down to see how much of my ransom money I could get back from Karpis." (The desperado charged \$200,000 for Bremer's release.)

"He only had \$80 when he was arrested," reporters told the banker.

"That's not even enough to throw a party, is it," Bremer replied.

Another conference was held by Stein with Ed McAlpine, South St. Paul chief of police. Karpis is suspected of having staged the \$32,000 payroll robbery in South St. Paul in 1933.

PAIS ALSO QUIZZED.

While the pumping of Karpis progressed in St. Paul, other agents in New Orleans questioned Fred Hunter, mail robbery suspect, and red-haired Ruth Robinson, 21 years old, who were arrested with the gang leader in New Orleans.

The Associated Press reported that a federal agent was heard to tell Hunter:

"Now we'll boil down all these facts into a concise statement which you will sign." Hunter did not reply.

The agent's remark came on one of Hunter's trips through the corridor of the federal building where he was being questioned.

The "facts" were interpreted to mean that Hunter had "talked" freely, after more than 48 hours questioning.

A postoffice inspector from Cincinnati was expected to arrive during the day.

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These pictures of Alvin Karpis, in which he resembles a scholarly, retiring person rather than a desperado, were taken by Department of Justice operatives since Karpis arrived here Saturday. They were made public today. Karpis was given a coat to wear in the pictures. When arrested, he was in his shirt-sleeves, and arrived here in the same attire. The picture above is the first one known to have been taken of him wearing glasses.

CAPTURE OF KARPIS.

Society's open account against major crime and dangerous criminals was brought nearer to a proper balance Friday night when Federal Bureau of Investigation men under leadership of their chief, J. Edgar Hoover, arrested Alvin Karpis, notorious outlaw, in New Orleans. This man, the current "Public Enemy No. 1," is wanted in many places on charges of murder, kidnaping and robbery, being the ace quarry sought by federal officers since Dillinger and "Baby Face" Nelson, in their time No. 1 enemies, were slain.

Karpis—his real name is Raymond Karpavicz—was born in Canada, though he grew up and started his career of petty crime in Kansas. Suspected as a participant in four murders, two kidnapings and numerous robberies large and small, he drew the attention of the federal agents by the leading part he is said to have had in kidnaping first a St. Paul brewer and then six months later a St. Paul banker. And as the prisoner was removed by plane and with some secrecy from New Orleans to St. Paul without loss of time, it is to be assumed that his first answer in meticulous balancing of the account against him will be for one or both of these crimes. With the arrest of Karpis, all of those accused in the first St. Paul kidnaping, that of William A. Hamm Jr., brewer, are in custody, with one of the crew, Arthur Barker, who shared leadership of the notorious Karpis-Barker gang of gunmen with Karpis, already safe in Alcatraz for life for his complicity in the second St. Paul kidnaping, that of Banker Bremer.

The history of criminals of national importance who have gone over the dam to death or long-term imprisonment in the drive that had its greatest incentive in the kidnaping and murder of the son of Col. and Mrs. Lindbergh, however, is not the factor of greatest public interest. What the public watches and applauds is the continuing nature of the drive and the gathering in of public enemies that are wanted and the discouragement of others through fear of certain retribution growing out of episodes similar to the arrest of Karpis in New Orleans Friday evening. Our assurance that society's greatest agency of public defense against major crime continues to function effectively is renewed.

There may be some peaceful and even fearful citizens who believe that if we do not hear the fanfare of pursuit there is no pursuit. But, of course, they are wrong, as almost any criminal of parts whose wrongdoings come within the jurisdiction of Bureau of Investigation will testify, whether he is alive and behind the bars or is still at large. The capture of Karpis when Karpis had been forgot by many peaceful citizens proves the rule of continuing determination. And criminals cannot help but shudder in the knowledge that a plane for Karpis' removal to St. Paul was chartered 24 hours before he was taken. With the proviso, possibly, that the engagement would not have held if Karpis had been killed in the taking. Which, "bad man" though he is, he was not. There was no resistance, which emphasizes the truth that most "bad" men who are deprived of advantage turn out to be very tame.

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If it is romantic to live and behave like a rat, to lurk trembling in the underworld while the avenging hand of the law moves nearer and nearer, and to live on money stolen and extorted, Karpis was romantic. For a while Public Enemy Number 1 will be a man with a prison number, one who has committed crimes for which the death penalty may be invoked.

The Department of Justice men have proved again that the law is effective and that those spoke truly who said, "one of these days they are sure to get Karpis." Another bad man is at the end of the road, another blow has been struck at gangdom, and another service has been rendered by G-men who do not give up the search.

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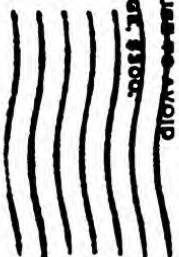
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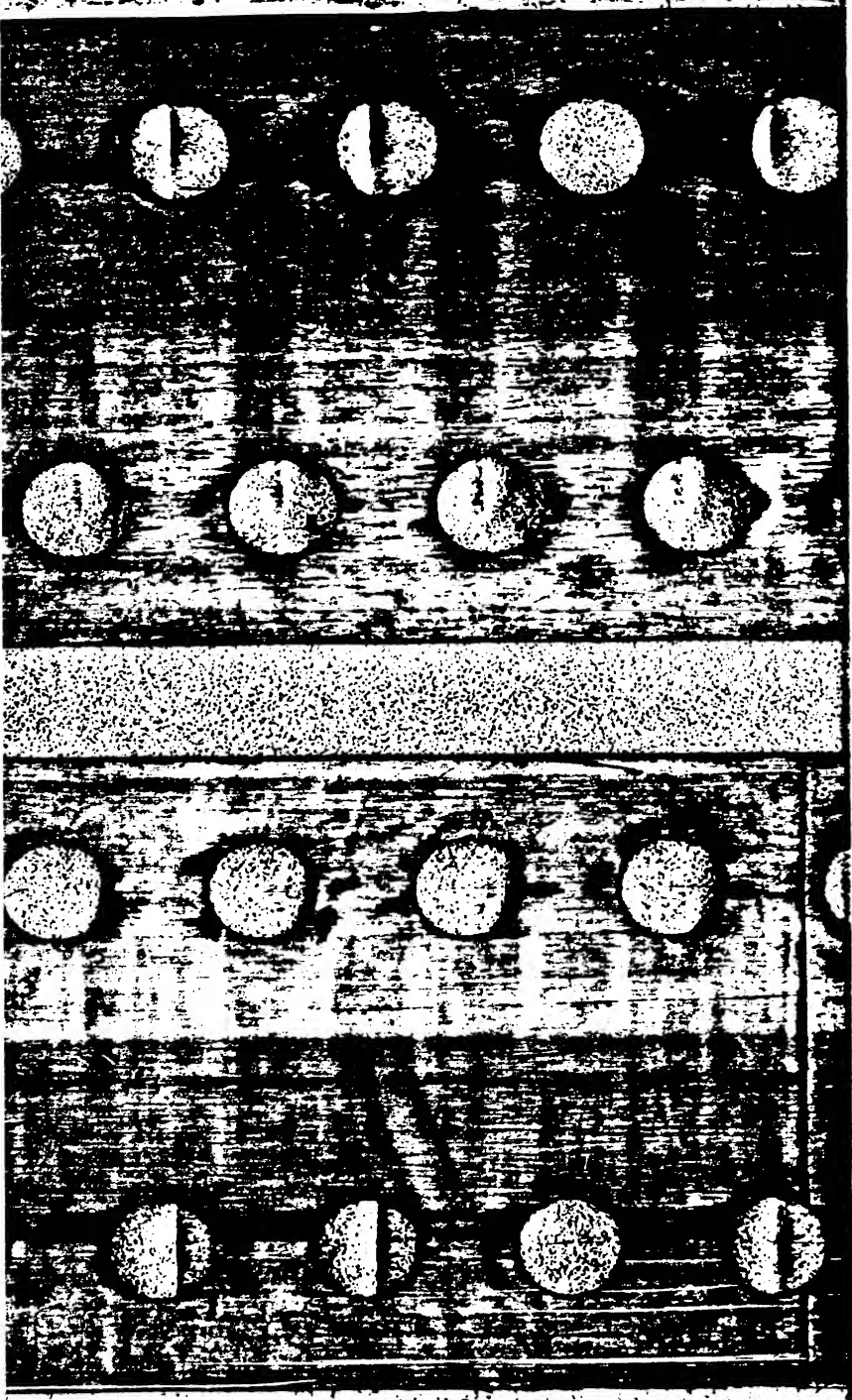
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'He'll Just Have to Take His Medicine,' Declares Former Girl Bride of Karpis

Tulsa Waitress Told Outlaw
To 'Fly His Kite' Five
Years Ago.

TULSA, May 4.—(AP)—In an interview Monday Dorothy Slayman, former wife of Alvin Karpis, told the story of her marriage and life with the "public enemy No. 1." The girl divorced Karpis more than a year ago and resumed her maiden name.

"Alvin Karpis made his bed and he'll have to sleep in it. As to whether he should be penalized or not I have no comment to make. His was not my way and so we quit," she said when found working in a Tulsa restaurant.

"Why do the newspapers hound me all the time? Miss Slayman asked. "I married Alvin back in September, 1931, lived with him less than five weeks and have never seen him since that time.

"It doesn't matter whether I say he should pay the penalties for his crime or not. The law is going to convict him and he'll probably go to the penitentiary the rest of his life. I would rather not comment on what I think should happen.

Hounded by Her Past

"All I ask is that John Public let me alone. When I got my divorce I was driven from my home and forced to quit business college. Then I thought it was all over. Now it breaks right in my face again.

"I don't feel as if I should have to pay for something over which I had no control. Yes, I tried to reform him after he got in his first scrape. Then when he got in trouble the second time I decided that his ways weren't my ways. This was brought home forcibly to me when I was being held in West Plains, Mo., after Alvin was alleged to have been with Freddie Barker when Sheriff Kelly was shot to death.

Dorothy Slayman met Karpis when she was about 17 years old. She was visiting a friend in Tulsa when Freddie Barker, slain by G-men in Florida police trap, and Alvin was released from the Kansas reformatory at Hutchinson.



Dorothy Slayman

Karpis Was Tubercular

"They came to Tulsa and a girl whose name I don't care to reveal introduced us. I either became infatuated or felt that he needed someone to take care of him.

"He had tuberculosis, never weighed over 120 pounds. The short stretch in the reformatory hadn't helped his condition. This was in April. While we were going together he disappeared and the next thing I knew he was arrested on the east side (Tulsa) for participation in the robbery of a jewelry store in Henryetta.

"They took him to Okmulgee. A fellow who knew Alvin told me where the loot from the jewelry store was and I hitch-hiked to Henryetta and gave it back to the jeweler.

"With my aid a district judge at Okmulgee gave Alvin a bench parole. I knew he was friendly with members of the Barker gang and I prevailed upon him to take me to Chicago.

Happy in Chicago

"We lived up there with his parents for several weeks. Karpis got a job and we were happy for the first time in our lives. We were married shortly after he got out of the Okmulgee jail.

"One Halloween night we were at a party and Alvin received a telephone call. I don't know where it was from but he said, 'Honey I've got a job. I'm going after it.' He left against my will. He was ill when he took a bus out of Chicago and I was disturbed about his condition.

"More than a week passed and I didn't hear from him. I quit my job and boarded a bus for West Plains. I thought he had been stricken and needed me. Before I got on the bus I sent a telegram to him.

"I arrived in West Plains just before Christmas. I checked the bus station but nobody knew him.

Held in West Plains

"I went to a rest room and powdered my face and combed my hair. As I emerged an officer accosted me. I refused to tell him my name and he said I would have to be detained there.

"Several days later, just before New Year's I was told that the sheriff had been shot and killed by one of two men who escaped in an automobile.

"During my stay in West Plains I decided one thing definitely. That if Alvin Karpis was the sort of a fellow they said he was I was through. He would have to go fly his own kite. I didn't go for that sort of stuff.

"When I was released I came to Oklahoma and visited my parents. Then I went back to Chicago and stayed with his folks. I got a job in Chicago and worked there from 1932 until 1934.

"Then I got homesick and came back to Tulsa to be near my mother. I have never seen him since he left Chicago that time on the bus bound for West Plains."

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Public Enemies do Not Deserve Mercy

THE smooth, precise manner in which the efficient J. Edgar Hoover and his men trapped the criminal, Karpis, in New Orleans is enough to make citizens glow with pride over the effectiveness of their federal bureau of investigation.

Nothing is more comforting than the knowledge, supported by visible performance, that one department of government is dedicated to the protection of the citizen, his home and his property.

And nothing is more discomfoting than the knowledge, supported by the records, that, at the same time, other departments of government are handling their public trust in such loose fashion as to endanger the safety of the citizen, his home and his property.

A disgraceful, sentiment-guided clemency system that blankets the United States is responsible for a crime condition that challenges the people of America.

There was absolutely no excuse for crime-warped Alvin Karpis to run loose up and down the nation at the head of a mob that murdered police officers and made big-time profits out of burglary, bank robbery and kidnaping. For Alvin Karpis showed his criminal tendency when he was a lanky lad of 16 under arrest in Topeka, Kan., for petty theft. He was sent to the state reformatory, from which he escaped. After a year of liberty he was rearrested and returned to the reformatory. He was transferred to the state penitentiary after knives were found in his possession. While in prison he and another hoodlum plotted a jewel robbery to be staged in Henryetta, Okla.

The record of Karpis should have been enough to keep him in prison. But he was paroled. The robbery at Henryetta was carried out. Karpis was caught but his companion was not. Karpis was sentenced to serve four years in Oklahoma's state prison. But he did not do this time. After three months in the Okmulgee county jail he was paroled by the trial judge. This known prison breaker and convicted thief was turned loose to prey upon the people who were contributing regularly to the support of prisons and courts and who had a right to feel they were being protected from dangerous criminals.

In the federal bureau of investigation at Washington there is a single fingerprint section devoted to the worst 12,600 of the nation's public enemies. The records show that more than 3,500 of these desperate men and women have at some time felt the angelic mercy of parole or probation or pardon or some form of sob sister clemency.

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Mr. Hoover declared that co-operation of many public officials with his men is "rotten," and that this prevents the detection of many criminals.

Blames Middle West.

"Corruption or inefficiency among police authorities is the cause of notorious lack of co-operation with the department in many communities," he said.

"It is rotten in some places. I won't name them. But they are in the Middle West. Nationally, in general, co-operation is excellent. We will co-operate with officials anywhere where there is not a lot of politics, crookedness or the officials are publicity crazy."

Calls Them Rats.

Mr. Hoover said it was all nonsense to speak of men like Karpis as high-ranking public enemies.

"They are all yellow rats," he said. "They don't deserve any titles distinction or rank. If you want to know whom I regard as public enemy No. 1, I'll tell you—Old Man Politics."

Mr. Hoover said he was here on business, but he would not reveal if his agents were looking for Karpis' associates in this area.

Questioning Leaves

Karpis Shaky.

By the United Press.

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Following a day and two nights of questioning in the offices of the Federal bureau here, the droning voice of an agent could be heard in the corridor. Now and then a woman's voice interrupted the reading, giving rise to the belief the woman had dictated a statement. This went on for hours until the lights were switched off, with the exception of one room in the suite. There the clicking of a typewriter continued until dawn.
There was much speculation concerning the identity of the woman. Federal agents said that she was from Arkansas and had gone under several names. But they were either shielding her full name or were not fully convinced who she was.

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Goff asserted the charges were based on Karpis's participation in the holdup of the Third Northwestern National Bank in Minneapolis in 1932, when two policemen and a motorist were slain by the robbers. Goff said witnesses to the robbery would view Karpis, and if they identify him the case would be presented to the Grand Jury.

Federal agents surrounded their questioning of Karpis with greatest secrecy and would not disclose whether he had made any statements.

In New York, J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said that if Karpis is found guilty of kidnaping here, he may also be tried for the slaying of Sheriff C. R. Kelley of West Plains, Mo., in 1931. Missouri authorities said they wanted Karpis to face the death penalty in a murder trial there.

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Three others are serving prison terms for the Minneapolis robbery. One, Lawrence De Vol, former associate of Karpis, recently became insane in the penitentiary and was transferred to a State hospital at St. Peter.

The companions seized with Karpis last Friday—Fred Hunter and a woman whose name was given as Ruth Robinson—were held at New Orleans.

Hoover said: "We'd have killed him (Karpis) if he'd tried to shoot it out, but he didn't get a chance."

Hunter is wanted for the \$34,000 Garrettsville, Ohio, mail robbery. Hoover indicated the Robinson woman would not be held unless it could be shown that she had aided or harbored Hunter or Karpis. Reports from New Orleans indicated that the woman had "talked," but no details were disclosed.

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Unquestionably, the G-men have performed the important task of turning the tide against crime in the United States. The police of States and local communities failed again and again to cope with gangsters who fled across State lines.

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The G-men changed that. Beyond actually catching criminals, their organization and its methods dramatized the war against crime and restored faith in the forces of law enforcement.

The nation withholds no praise from the G-men, but—

Congressman Thomas S. McMillan of North Carolina has just called the attention of Congress to the fact that G-men are not eligible for Government retirement pay, such as is received by Secret Service agents and civil service employees.

His bill to correct this manifest injustice should be passed promptly.

The G-men lead a hazardous life. They are unable to obtain insurance. If they are incapacitated for duty, they have no pensions or retirement pay to fall back on.

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The same relentless pursuit, the same secretiveness until the trap was sprung, marked their work in this as in other famous cases. A comparatively novel feature was the use of an airplane to transport their prisoner to the scene of his alleged crimes. One can understand the value of this new form of black maria which reduces the chances of escape to a minimum, avoids the possibility of ambush and makes safe delivery of its occupant where he is wanted before he and his friends have had time for a counter-move. Very decidedly up-to-date is this introduction of flight into the technique of law enforcement.

The whole episode is an impressive illustration of the strides made since the enactment of the so-called Lindbergh law in the efficiency of Federal justice. (Had the crimes charged to Karpis remained subject to state jurisdiction alone, one can imagine the ease with which he might still be dodging arrest or, if apprehended, the obstacles to extradition he would be creating. Compare his automatic transfer with the wasteful maneuverings of Luciano.)

(Perhaps there is good reason to fear the over-expansion of the police powers of the Federal government. Certainly there is a point beyond which the states should refuse to relinquish their responsibility for the apprehension and punishment of criminals. But very few Americans, we believe, are prepared to say that the Lindbergh law and its related statutes have passed that point, or that they would prefer the feeling of helplessness with which the underworld inspired them a few years ago to the confidence they now repose in the Department of Justice. Not even recourse to plastic surgery avails our public enemies today.

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"Say, whatever became of that Paula Harmon?"

LOVE MESSAGE

Verne called his woman. "Vi, telephone Paula Harmon, down in Port Arthur, Texas. Tell her Fred's asking about her."

The call was made. Paula Harmon took an airplane out of Texas that very afternoon. By the next night she had arrived in Kansas City and become Freddie Barker's woman.

Intrigue moved swiftly these days. Down in Hot Springs, Frank took various trips over into

old haunts, and to various hide-outs around Picher, Oklahoma. He is successful with his plans.

A gram denoting his efficiency later was sent to inform Hazel Hudson, nee Jarrett, sister of the Jarrett outlaw gang, that her sweetheart Wilbur Underhill soon would be free again. It read:

"Will cut hay on thirtieth. Have purchased six cows for delivery at Picher."

The "cows" were Harvey Bailey, Wilbur Underhill, and four other life-termers. The "hay" was a prison escape, the "thirtieth" Decoration Day, 1933.

On that morning of the "thirtieth" there was a ball game in the yard of Lansing State Penitentiary. The fourth inning was on, between the American Legion teams of Topeka and Leavenworth. The score was two to two. Excitement was tense—and suddenly there came a greater thrill.

Six of the most dangerous convicts in the prison—the six "cows" mentioned in that telegram—surrounded the warden, Kirk Prather. They threw a looped wire over his head, binding him. Guns appeared from beneath convict uniforms.

In the tower turrets, the guards, attempting to shoot, found that the warden had been shoved forward in such a manner as to expose him to any gunfire. Then a command sounded—the voice of Harvey Bailey, backed by that of Wilbur Underhill:

"Throw down your keys. And let down a rope and ladder!"

HONEYMOON

Eleven convicts later went over the wall, taking the warden and a guard with them. There was shooting; Harvey Bailey was wounded in the calf of his right leg, but he kept on going. The usual day of horror followed; wounded guards, stolen cars, kidnaped hostages, frightened farmers robbed of their automobiles and left stranded on country roads. For five of the convicts, there was quick recapture.

The old rule to move when the heat was on now hit Frank Nash. Away he went with Mrs. Nash, for a belated honeymoon. In that there was disappointment for hard-working Special Agents; they traced the car to Hot Springs only a few days after his departure.

Again a wandering journey ensued, finally leading to St. Paul. The Barker-Karpis boys had gone there also and a get-together meeting followed. Frank and Frances stayed overnight at the Barker-Karpis apartment. Paula made the visit quite homelike.

Now, with the crowd all hot

A 'Moll' in Trouble



(International)
Margaret Larson, 20, who calls herself Margaret Barton, abandoned her husband, Chester Larson, and her little son, Larry, was arrested and taken to Indianapolis with Al Brady, self-styled "Second Dillinger."

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GET CLUE

So now, watchful eyes which had waited long caught sight of that Plymouth car and checked the license plates. A hurried call for aid was shot into Oklahoma City, where the Special Agent in charge made arrangements for capture. There were three officers in the party; Otto Reed, chief of police at McAlester, Oklahoma, who had known Frank Nash in the old days, and F. J. Lackey and Frank Smith, special agents.

They found Frank Nash drinking a glass of beer at the White Front. Guns drawn, they handcuffed him and put him into their

car. The long chase was over. underworld intrigue had begun.

Tomorrow, Courtney Ry Cooper tells of the bloody massacre in the Union Station Kansas City, in which Karpis was a leader.

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GIRLS WITH GUNMEN "PUBLIC ENEMIES" PITIED BY FAY KING

WHENEVER a "public enemy" is captured we are sure to hear of a girl or several girls with him and his mob. Then we see them pictured and captioned "gun molls," rather sad and shamefaced.

But had they been gay and laughing before this, a little pleased perhaps to be identified with a "big shot" of the underworld?

Everyone these days seems to be more or less eager for power and publicity. If they cannot attain it one way, they seem to strive for it in another, confusing notoriety with fame, crime with courage.

Most of the girls are pretty, and we can't help wishing that life had been kinder to them, or that they had been more cautious. How different their lives might be!



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GIRL'S IDENTITY

From reliable information this reporter learned, among other things, that when Karpis was cornered exiting from his apartment building on Canal Street in New Orleans, the bank burglar and murderer sarcastically said: "I see we've finally met."

"Yes," said Hoover, "and if memory serves you were going to kill me."

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All three, Karpis, Hunter and the girl, it was stated, are the victims of careless dissipation, physicians revealed. The girl was not living with Karpis—she was the mistress of Hunter.

Karpis had given up "steady girl friends." They were so much excess baggage when "you are in a hurry," he said.

If the Hamm case doesn't hold up against Karpis, he will stand trial for the Bremer snatch, a \$200,000 job.

HUNT HARRIED KARPIS' PALS

THE part that women play in criminal career of Alvin Karpis, recently captured Public Enemy No. 1, is related in this second chapter of his engrossing life story.

By COURTNEY RYLEY COOPER,
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This Series Is Taken.

The Nashes continued to like New York. They rented an apartment near 93rd St. and Broadway. Meanwhile, their old friends were somewhat scattered. There had been a big bank robbery in Flandreau, South Dakota. The Barker-Karpis crowd had been suspected.

So, in view of the unfavorable newspaper items, the entire entourage had gone to Reno, Nevada. The visit lasted about two months, then everybody came back East, just about the time that Frank Nash and his woman and Verne

Miller headed West. They all met at Big Louie's place, out at Fox River Grove.

Shortly after this Verne went to Kansas City and rented a bungalow.

Only a few days following, the Barker-Karpis crowd, plus Eddie Green, who had happened along, and Frank Nash, started out to pay him a visit, with a stop-over at Fairbury, Nebraska, where the First National Bank lost \$25,000 dollars in cash and \$100,000 in securities.

There was shooting during the get-away. Earl Christman, graduated at last to bank robbery, gasped spasmodically as the machine containing the outlaws careened out of town and started for Kansas City.

Frank and his car were moving swiftly. There had been a quick return to the Chicago area following the Fairbury robbery, where the gang foregathered again at Big Louie's. Then, like the scattering of quail, they were all away again, and this time for big plans.

MARRIED

While this was being considered, Frank Nash and Frances were again on the move. They went to Hot Springs, Arkansas, where another little sentimentality developed. There they were married, becoming Mr. and Mrs. George W. Miller, this in spite of the fact that Frank Nash already had a wife; the first spouse claimed his body after his death.

All this time, several members of the Barker-Karpis crowd were in the vicinity of Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing. However, even business could not halt a romance. Fred Barker had remembered the old days, down at Herb Farmer's and Paula, the wife of the bank robber, whom he had met there.

The Verne Millers now were truly settled in Kansas City. Vi had her child with her—the little girl was taking dancing lessons and doing very well. Vi belonged to one country club where she often played bridge. Verne Miller—all this accomplished under fake names—belonged to another. Alvin Karpis stopped in at intervals, although he was not enthusiastically welcomed. Freddie Barker was there often. One day, as he lolled over a bottle of beer, Freddie's features broke into a gold-toothed grin as he asked:

"Say, whatever became of that Paula Harmon?"

LOVE MESSAGE

Verne called his woman. "Vi, telephone Paula Harmon, down in Fort Arthur, Texas. Tell her Fred's asking about her."

The call was made. Paula Harmon took an airplane out of Texas that very afternoon. By the next night she had arrived in Kansas City and become Freddie Barker's woman.

Intrigue moved swiftly these days. Down in Hot Springs, Frank Nash took various trips over into

old haunts, and to various hide-outs around Picher, Oklahoma. He was successful with his plans. A telegram denoting his efficiency later was sent to inform Hazel Hudson, nee Jarrett, sister of the Jarrett outlaw gang, that her sweetheart Wilbur Underhill soon would be free again. It read:

"Will cut hay on thirtieth. Have purchased six cows for delivery at Picher."

The "cows" were Harvey Bailey, Wilbur Underhill, and four other life-termers. The "hay" was a prison escape, the "thirtieth" Decoration Day, 1933.

On that morning of the "thirtieth" there was a ball game in the yard of Lansing State Penitentiary. The fourth inning was on, between the American Legion teams of Topeka and Leavenworth. The score was two to two. Excitement was tense—and suddenly there came a greater thrill.

Six of the most dangerous convicts in the prison—the six "cows" mentioned in that telegram—surrounded the warden, Kirk Prather. They threw a looped wire over his head, binding him. Guns appeared from beneath convict uniforms.

In the tower turrets, the guards, attempting to shoot, found that the warden had been shoved forward in such a manner as to expose him to any gunfire. Then a command sounded—the voice of Harvey Bailey, backed by that of Wilbur Underhill:

"Throw down your keys. And let down a rope and ladder!"

HONEYMOON

Eleven convicts later went over the wall, taking the warden and a guard with them. There was shooting; Harvey Bailey was wounded in the calf of his right leg, but he kept on going. The usual day of horror followed; wounded guards, stolen cars, kidnaped hostages, frightened farmers robbed of their automobiles and left stranded on country roads. For five of the convicts, there was quick recapture.

The old rule to move when the heat was on now hit Frank Nash. Away he went with Mrs. Nash, for a belated honeymoon. In that there was disappointment for hard-working Special Agents; they traced the car to Hot Springs only a few days after his departure.

Again a wandering journey ensued, finally leading to St. Paul. The Barker-Karpis boys had gone there also and a get-together meeting followed. Frank and Frances stayed overnight at the Barker-Karpis apartment. Paula made the visit quite homelike.

Now, with the crowd all hot

A 'Moll' in Trouble



(International).
Margaret Larson, 20, who calls herself Margaret Barton, abandoned her husband, Chester Larson, and her little son, Larry, was arrested and taken to Indianapolis with Al Brady, self-styled "Second Dillinger."

again, there was movement and hiding. But at last the newspapers ceased printing front-page stories about the Lansing break. Frank Nash and Frances headed back to Hot Springs. That was dangerous. A lone Special Agent, working in occupational disguise, had learned from various members of the "sporting element" that Hot Springs was a favorite resting place for Frank Nash, and that sooner or later he would return.

GET CLUE

So now, watchful eyes which had waited long caught sight of that Plymouth car and checked the license plates. A hurried call for aid was shot into Oklahoma City, where the Special Agent in charge made arrangements for capture. There were three officers in the party; Otto Reed, chief of police at McAlester, Oklahoma, who had known Frank Nash in the old days, and F. J. Lackey and Frank Smith, special agents.

They found Frank Nash drinking a glass of beer at the White Front. Guns drawn, they handcuffed him and put him into their

car. The long chase was over. But underworld intrigue had only begun.

Tomorrow, Courtney Ryley Cooper tells of the bloody massacre in the Union Station at Kansas City, in which Karpis was a leader.

Karpis Admits 2 Kidnapings

**Confesses Hamm,
Bremer Charges
After Grill**

(Photo on Page 5.)

ST. PAUL, May 3 (US).—Cracking completely under 36 hours of grilling by Federal agents, Alvin Karpis, characterized as America's most desperate public enemy, confessed today the \$300,000 ransom kidnapings of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, and William Hamm, St. Paul brewer.

This was learned from an unimpeachable source at the Federal Building here, where the desperado has been since he was rushed to St. Paul by plane by J. Edgar Hoover, national chief of the Federal agents, after the outlaw's capture Friday night in New Orleans.

Karpis was declared to have offered to plead guilty to either one of the kidnapings if the Government would agree to "forget" the other.

Life imprisonment is the maximum for the abductions, as they took place before the amended "Lindbergh law" became operative.

Karpis, it was said, while freely confessing his own part in the "snatching," refused to name accomplices in the actual crime.

U. S. Attorney Sullivan said Karpis will be arraigned tomorrow morning for the Hamm kidnaping.

A Federal agent revealed:

"Karpis said he was glad it was over and that the last two years had been a 'hell on earth' for him. He said he was tired of being constantly on his guard day and night against a possible raid by law officers." Not for two years has he gone without an automatic pistol, a shotgun, a rifle or a "tommy gun," he told his captors.

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TENANT DELAYED KARPIS CAPTURE

Citizen Failed to Report Killer, Hoover Reveals

Chief J. Edgar Hoover of the Department of Justice investigation service declared yesterday that the case of Alvin Karpis, bandit and murderer, illustrated the importance of public co-operation with the authorities to suppress crime. He said:

"As far as the Federal Government is concerned, Karpis is as good as on his way to Alcatraz under life sentence today. He will be tried in St. Paul for the Bremer and Hamm kidnappings.

"When convicted there, he can be tried on any or all the other kidnappings, murders, and bank robberies of which he has been accused. But—

"He would have been captured long ago if a tenant of the New Orleans house where he was hiding co-operated with us. This tenant said he saw Karpis several times and believed he was the kidnaper, but didn't bother to do anything about it.

"Karpis himself said he would not have been caught if he had gone on a fishing trip as he planned. We'd have got him anyway, but it all illustrates the importance of public co-operation."

Asked if local police co-operation was not important too, Chief Hoover said:

"We only ask police co-operation in communities where the police department is efficient and not corrupt and not made up of publicity-seekers who too often reveal our plans prematurely, so that criminals escape."

Hoover declared he believed the

Chicago surgeon who lifted the faces of Karpis and the Barker brothers, since slain, had been flung into Lake Erie because he knew too much. He said Karpis asserted he paid \$250 for the crude, futile operation, although Justice agents declared \$5,000 was collected by the doctor from the three bandits. Hoover added:

"Karpis had merely \$280 when arrested but he must have plenty buried somewhere. He is vicious and cunning, but cowardly—a yellow rat who quaked when arrested and professed fear he would be beaten up."

Thirty felonies from murder to mail robbery are charged to Karpis and his gang. Harry Campbell, on whose head Congress put \$2,500, is the most desired fugitive. Karpis refused to give any information concerning accomplices.

Ruth Draper and Fred Hunter, captured with Karpis, remained in New Orleans yesterday. Hoover declared neither of them important. But he said:

"Every person who protected or harbored Karpis will be prosecuted to the limit of Federal law. The Karpis arrest was straight Department of Justice work. No tip was given us and Congress will not have to pay the \$5,000 reward offered for him."

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'PUBLIC ENEMY' IN IRONS

Karpis Comes Back to St. Paul for Trial



BANDIT ARRIVES AT MINNESOTA FEDERAL BUILDING
Straw Hat Shows He Got No Chance to Change Clothes in South
Picture by International News Photograph Service.

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Led to Justice by Man Who Threatened to Kill



KARPIS TAKEN INTO ST. PAUL FEDERAL BUILDING—Loser in a 2-year game of hound and hare with G-men, and facing the prospect of life imprisonment, Alvin Karpis, the nation's No. 1 public enemy, is pictured in handcuffs, straw hat and shirtsleeves as he was escorted into the St. Paul federal building on the heels of a man he had threatened with death—J. Edgar Hoover, foreground, head of the federal bureau of investigation, who personally engineered the capture at New Orleans. Charged with the Hamm kidnaping, Karpis also was wanted for trial for the slaying of a sheriff, complicity in three other killings, 15 bank robberies, a train robbery and a string of holdups in the last three years.



PAL IS NABBED—Fred Hunter (above), 27, sought in connection with the \$46,000 postal robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, was captured with Karpis in New Orleans by federal agents. — (Associated Press photo.)

BARES KARPIS' BOAST—Dorothy Slayman (above), Tulsa girl who married Alvin Karpis in 1937 and divorced him last year, said he once boasted to her he would never be taken alive. But, in his capture by federal men not a bullet was fired. (Associated Press photo.)

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REPORTS MONDAY, MAY

MASS EVIDENCE AGAINST KARPIS IN FOUR DEATHS

Three Minnesota Counties
Ready to Charge Him
With Murder.

BALKS AT CONFESSING

St. Paul, May 4.—(United Press.)—Legal forces of three Minnesota counties marshalled evidence on murder charges against Alvin Karpis today.

With his eyes red-rimmed and his southern tan fast paling, Karpis today, meanwhile, underwent his third day of steady interrogation by federal agents in the William Hamm, Jr., and the Edward G. Bremer kidnappings.

Occasional glimpses of the long-hunted gang leader showed him completely subdued by his long session in the St. Paul department of justice offices which he has not left since his arrival Saturday morning from New Orleans.

It was learned reliably, however, that Karpis has not confessed. It was certain also that federal authorities either will receive a plea of guilty or try Karpis in the two St. Paul abductions before they let Missouri have him on murder charges. He is accused of slaying a sheriff at West Plains, Mo., several years ago.

RE: BREMER

Blamed for Four Deaths.
Attorneys of Ramsey, Hennepin and Dakota counties were working on evidence for four murder charges against Karpis in two major crimes that brought death to three policemen and one bystander.

One was the third Northwestern National bank robbery in Minneapolis, Dec. 16, 1932. Patrolman Ira L. Evans and Leo Gorsky were killed when the gang machine-gunned its way to freedom with \$25,000 loot. A few moments later the gang killed Oscar Erickson of St. Paul when he slowed up his car as the gunmen were transferring the loot.

The other was the \$30,000 holdup of two bank messengers in South St. Paul, Aug. 30, 1933, when Patrolman Leo Ravlick was slain. Authorities contend that Charles J. Fitzgerald, arrested two weeks ago in the Hamm case, was a member of the South St. Paul holdup gang.

Karpis was implicated in the Minneapolis bank robbery by Lawrence Devol, alias Larry Barton, after he started serving a life sentence in the state prison. Devol later lost his mind, according to Warden J. J. Sullivan, and was transferred to the state asylum.

Federal men, however, were determined to regain custody of their prisoner. It was indicated his total bond would be \$400,000, highest ever asked in this district. It was understood \$100,000 bond on each of four kidnaping counts would be asked.

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As Karpis' Crime Career Came to an End



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